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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come to the City's Birthday Bash on January 15 & 16

Cottonwood Heights is a precocious five years old and has already ventured into areas and activities that many much older cities are still shying away from. What has been the result?

Well, except for those who still look at the *City between the canyons* as an upstart, most see Cottonwood Heights as an adult city that has matured rapidly and continues to expand and excel in all aspects of city organization and services.

Many from outside the city's boundaries marvel at what has been accomplished in so few years in the way of becoming an actual peer to other cities of like populations and budgets. Most of us that are viewing the city from

the inside see ourselves as being much better off than we were five years ago when the debate of whether to incorporate was at its peak. The prognostications of higher taxes, fewer services, higher crime rates, and an unneeded layer of government are wrong; and, in fact, taxes have remained stable for five years (while county taxes are increasing). Both quality and quantity of municipal services have improved, more crimes are being reported and solved, and the additional layer of government is representing us well. Grants have been acquired to expand open space and trails, enhancing family recreation opportunities, and myriad other accomplishments as listed in this month's council article below.

With that said, it's time to party and you are invited to join in on Friday evening, January 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday afternoon, January 16, beginning at 2 p.m. A birthday committee has been meeting for weeks now, under the direction of Geoff Armstrong, a member of the original incorporation committee and past chair of Butlerville Days. Geoff and his committee report the following events to be held in commemoration of the first five years of Cottonwood Heights' existence.

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City Council Article Don J. Antczak District #3

THANKS!!!!



Thanks to the residents of City Council District #3 for allowing me the opportunity to serve these last five years as your councilman and to be part of the dynamic team of City Council and Staff that was instrumental in bringing our city of Cottonwood Heights into being.

Through the cooperative and visionary efforts of each member, the City Council and Staff, along with myriad volunteers, the city has experienced a phenomenal start-up and growth. We now have a mature, successfully operating City. A few of the numerous accomplishments are worthy of a little boasting!

In creating the City, the following has been accomplished:

- Successful launching, with formal inauguration ceremonies followed by adoption of the city's first code of ordinances

- Establishment of a City office location
- Appointment of the first City Planning Commission, Board of Equalization, and Architectural Review Committee
- Development and adoption of a Cottonwood Heights General Plan and amended Zoning Ordinances to facilitate that plan
- Development and adoption of a plan for construction and maintenance of transportation and storm water facilities
- Hiring of competent professional staff and investment in their training and continuing education
- Launching of a city website

In the area of public safety, our number one priority, the City:

- Joined the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) as a member City, saving between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 annually in tax dollar expenditures

while receiving highest quality fire and emergency medical services

- Created a Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD) effective September 1, 2008, and staffed it with 34 officers and 5 civilians
- Entered a joint venture agreement with Holladay to provide justice court services for Cottonwood Heights citizens beginning in the 2008 fiscal year
- Implemented a new Ordinance Enforcement Department, including Animal Control

In the area of parks and recreation expansion by the city the following has been done:

- Planning and beginning construction of the Big Cottonwood Trail and the Old Mill Pond Urban Fishery. Grants were obtained to pay for part of the construction

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A GREAT STORY AND A GOOD LESSON!



Chief Robby Russo

Dumpster diving is the act of rummaging through the large garbage containers generally located outside businesses, apartment complexes, churches, etc., looking for items of value to the "diver." Most often, this practice is attributed to the homeless, drug abusers, and the mentally ill; however, it has become quite popular this past year and is now considered a great resource by large numbers of people in today's society. We are all faced with economic challenges, and some have resorted to *dumpster diving* as a way to find and utilize other's excess or "waste."

This is the case with Brian, whom I met recently after neighbors in his apartment complex reported a suspicious person digging in the complex dumpster. Brian is not homeless, drug addicted, or schizophrenic. He is a married father of four young children who is experiencing hard times. Brian has little formal education but is a skilled construction laborer. His wife is a stay-at-home mom with strong religious ties, but she is too proud to ask for help from her ward.

Brian is down on his luck and construction is slow so he has been searching through dumpsters for things that have been thrown out that are still useful, recyclable, or have economic value. He takes his discovered treasures to a local pawn shop and acquires enough money to get his pawned framing tools back. He then uses the money he earns on the occasional job to pay rent and feed his family. When Brian finishes with the framing tools, it's back to the pawn shop to exchange for his sheet-rocking tools. After finishing that part of the job, he gets a new loan to retrieve his painting compressor before it is forfeited. Paying a loan rate of 10% per month has Brian in a maze he just can't navigate.

One day, shortly after becoming acquainted with Brian's situation, I heard a radio call for someone to go to the dumpster in Brian's complex. It wasn't a neighbor complaining, it was Brian. When I arrived, Brian greeted me with an armload of files from which all the personal papers had been removed. In the bottom of one of the compartments was an envelope containing thirty \$100 bills. Brian handed me the envelope full of money and said, "I sure could use this, but I know it wouldn't be right."

Utah law addresses these matters in Title [76-6-407](#). Theft of lost, mislaid, or mistakenly delivered property: A person commits theft when:

(1) He obtains property of another which he knows to have been lost or mislaid... without taking reasonable measures to return it to the owner;....

Knowing Brian's situation and what the \$3000 could mean for his family, I was amazed that he gave me the money. Who could have imagined that a man, *dumpster diving* out of necessity after working 12-hour days to care for his family, finds a stack of \$100 bills and turns it in to the police? Did I mention this was at Christmas time? My faith in mankind is renewed.

When cases similar to this present themselves, the officer issues a receipt, attempts to identify the owner(s), then places the valuables in evidence for safe keeping for 90 days. This story has a happy ending for honesty. The owner was never located so after complying with the statutory provisions Brian was presented a check for \$3000. I saw him shortly after, and he told me all of his tools are out of hock and he is taking his family on their first-ever vacation.

Dumpster diving [is] a way to find and utilize other's excess or waste.



JANUARY 15th AND 16th

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH
AT BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Friday evening program is under the direction of the City's Arts Council and will include: a flag ceremony, a video presentation, musical numbers, historical vignettes, and remarks from Mayor Cullimore (see adjoining program agenda).

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH
AT THE RECREATION CENTER**

The Saturday afternoon program is under the direction of the Birthday Committee and will include: free swimming and ice skating from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., a cake cutting ceremony with refreshments in the ice arena at approximately 4:15 p.m. A performance by the Ice Angels will follow. Out-going council-members Don Antczak and Bruce Jones will be honored during the "celebration."

COMMUNITY CULTURE

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council gives notice of upcoming events and is making plans for future opportunities to present and/or promote Community Culture. Amy Wadsworth, Arts Council Publicity Chair, recently stated that the January schedule for cultural events is tied to the City's 5th Birthday Party, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16.

"On January 15th, the Arts Council will spotlight our talented community with an evening of entertainment.... The evening includes art from this year's Reflections contests as well as musical performances from Butler Middle School, Brighton High School, Bella Vista Elementary, and featured soloists. We will also appreciate our City's history with vignettes from the Historical Society. The event will be held in the Butler Middle School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Do not miss it!"



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- Opening Golden Hills Park on Wasatch Blvd. near Fire Station #116
- Securing approximately \$3,500,000 from the County Open Space Fund and the County Parks Fund to acquire property east of Wasatch that had been planned for office buildings but will now be used for a trailhead.park.
- Constructing and opening Timberline Trail-head, the first phase of a joint project with the County, using Open Space and Parks funding
- Assisting in securing almost \$4 million in funding from the ZAP tax to reconstruct the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center ice skating facilities
- Ensuring, through legislation, that cities have the first right to purchase closed school properties that are to be sold

Public Works Projects have:

- Installed new street signs and city entry monument signs
- Improved over 2.26 million square feet of street pavement with overlays, slurries, and chip seals
- Completed many street and sidewalk safety improvement projects, including installation of traffic-calming devices and more than 30 ADA ramps
- Implemented a new Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Completed a bridge rehabilitation and street and landscape area refurbishing

Responsiveness to citizen concerns include:

- Leading and coordinating the effort to raise private funds of more than \$1.2 million in cash, mortgage relief, and other humanitarian services to help relocate the residents of the closed Meadows Mobile Home Park
- A leading role in the creation of the new Canyons School District
- Responding to lighting, traffic, and sidewalk safety issues brought to the city's attention by concerned citizens
- Advocating with Salt Lake City Public Utilities for residents along Dawn Drive to enclose the open canal in pipe and solve flooding problem.

- Making available electronic agenda's and notifications for citizens who sign up on the City website
- Improving communication with citizens by improving the web page, expanding the NEWS JOURNAL insert in the Valley Journal, and using communication poles and banners
- Passing ordinances responsive to local issues such as: limiting and regulating short-term ski rentals, prohibiting new billboards in the city, and limiting the ability to establish check cashing facilities in the city

Governmental Operations activities have included:

- Implementing and improving the city's integrated financial management system
- Making significant improvements to information system infrastructure
- Enhancing City Emergency Planning by: buying and equipping a CERT trailer, buying two air-wave frequencies, buying 29 radios, installing and testing an Emergency Operations Center communication system, participating in numerous preparedness fairs in the community, receiving a federal NET-GUARD grant
- Actively sponsoring or promoting legislation to enhance operations in municipalities
- Applying for and receiving, through fiscal year 2009, \$5,691,338 in Federal, State and Local grant money to supplement the city budget, in addition to nearly \$5,000,000 in expenditures for city parks and trails
- Establishing a Youth City Council
- Establishing a Historical Committee
- Establishing an Arts Council

Sponsorship of the following City events:

- Butlerville Days - This event grew from a few hundred participants in 2005, to 10,000 to 15,000 in 2009
- City inauguration activities and subsequent birthday celebrations
- Special Events such as: Easter egg hunts, relay for life, election issues forums, Bark in the Park, and co-sponsorship of other activities with the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center including: Thanksgiving

Day 5-K, tennis tournaments, and summer outdoor movies

Awards and Recognitions – The City has received the following awards:

- **Best of State** – Kevin Smith, Community Development
- **Member of the Year** – Utah Housing Development for Meadows Mobile Home Park Relocation
- **Top 100 cities** – Money Magazine
- **Distinguished Budget Award** – Government Finance Officers Association, 2008, 2009, 2010
- **Best of State** – Mayor Cullimore, Elected Official, 2007
- **Best of State** – Gary Harmer, Appointed Official, 2008
- **Best Event** – Bark in the Park, Utah Recreation Association
- **National Officers of the Year** – Foot-printers National Organization, Detectives Corbett Ford and Dan Bartlett
- **FEMA, National Citizen Corps Achievement Award** – Collaborative Preparedness Planning, 2009

All this, and much more has been accomplished because of a total team effort working in harmony and with one main objective to make our community a better place in which to live. A few months ago, I received an anonymous e-mail criticizing an article I had written in the Journal about all the projects we had completed. This individual's statement was that we apparently liked to do things of no significant importance and we should better spend our time and taxpayer's dollars on just essentials. As you review the previous list of the last five year's accomplishments, I believe you will find that all we have done has been essential to the health, welfare, and safety of our citizens.

I thank all the residents of our city for allowing me to serve in this community for the past 42 years and am confident you agree with me that this is a great place to live!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Roger Kehr moved to Cottonwood Heights ten years ago looking to live where the "greatest snow in the world" falls. As a snowboard instructor, commercial photographer, and Certified American Wilderness First Responder, Roger loves the outdoors. His venturesome spirit has led him on many journeys throughout his life, including hitchhiking from Luxemburg to Afghanistan and living for two years on a sailboat in the Caribbean.

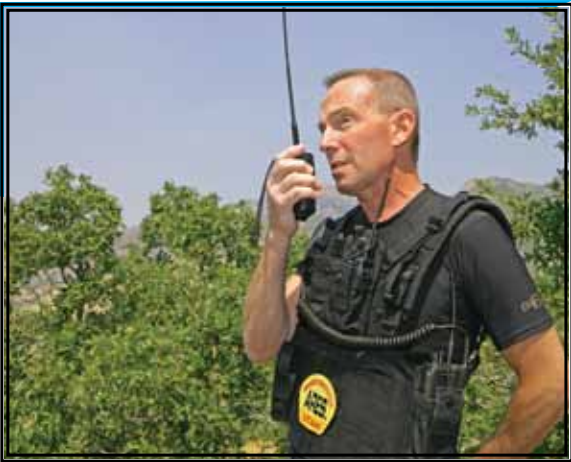
Roger is the volunteer Emergency Communications Coordinator for Cottonwood Heights. He and Councilman Gordon Thomas flew to Washington, D.C., in August and were presented an award by FEMA, on behalf of the City. The award recognizes Cottonwood Heights as the top city in the U. S. for Collaborative Emergency Preparedness. Roger is an integral part of the City's emergency preparedness efforts and accomplishments.

Much of Roger's life has been dedicated to volunteerism, a quality he attributes to family tradition. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania, just outside of Pittsburgh. While living there, he served on the Board of Abington Friends School, the oldest school in the U.S. There he

helped with their, environmental program and the University of Pennsylvania's Alternative Energy Fuel Program. He also helped to bring the Philadelphia Drug Exchange (PDE) up to date by supplying web design for that organization, dedicated to providing scholarships to pharmaceutical students. He organized the South Jersey Chapter of the Surf Rider Foundation.

While in Nepal, he created an annual course to teach Sherpa guides how to protect themselves from high altitude sickness. His experience as a base camp manager for the first Sherpa Everest expedition in 2007 helped six team members make it to the summit. He filmed a documentary on Mount Kilimanjaro for the Make-a-Wish Foundation and created "Back Country Awareness Week" in Utah to educate people about safe travel. Roger also helps secure funds for organizations such as the Utah Avalanche Center and Wasatch Back Country Rescue.

Despite his many achievements, Roger is quick to recognize the "unsung heroes" that are doing things for others on a daily basis, including the 300+ volunteers



Roger Kehr

in the city who make the emergency program successful. He states, "I'm lucky to be instilled with the value of helping one's community. I owe my family a big debt of thanks for pointing me in the right direction."

Roger and his wife Flossie have one son, who shares his father's enthusiasm for serving the community in the law enforcement field. In his spare time, Roger enjoys scuba and sky diving, rock and ice climbing, ski and snow boarding, wind surfing, mountaineering, biking, inline skating and fishing. Roger is another fine example of the great volunteers we have in Cottonwood Heights.



THE RATIONALE BEHIND SNOW REMOVAL

The name given to this article is purposeful. There are a few residents who have questioned in emails, letters, and/or phone calls the rationale of the City's snow removal system. For those who have contacted the City and for others who just want to know how it's done, the following is FYI.

Snow removal is an art that has a lot of science behind it. In fact, people from all over the U.S. gather once a year to discuss various aspects of snow removal and how to make it more efficient and economical. That three-day national conference provides public works professionals from cities throughout the country with the latest techniques and science concerning the removal of snow.

Cottonwood Heights contracts with Salt Lake County for snow removal services. This gives the City full access to the years of experience and the vast resources of the county. The City spends from \$250,000 to \$550,000 each year for this service. In 2008-09 the cost was just over \$400,000 to remove snow from all of the streets in the City except I-215 and Wasatch Blvd., which are state maintained roads.

One of the primary objectives of the Cottonwood Heights' Public Works Department is to provide safe and efficient movement of traffic, public safety vehicles, and pedestrians through the City. To this end, the City has prepared a snow-removal plan that clearly prioritizes the various streets in four classifications based on urgency of removal. The City also mixes into the equation road temperature, amount of snowfall, time of day, anticipated length of storm, and other factors that can influence the decision of whether to call out the plows.

Cottonwood Heights uses the following prioritization schedule:

PRIORITY 1 – Fort Union Blvd., Highland Drive, Creek Road, Bengal Blvd., Union Park, 1300 East, 2700 East, and 3000 East. These streets are prioritized number

1 because they are essential to the movement of public safety vehicles in the City and will be cleared first in any snow storm.

PRIORITY 2 – 2300 East, Park Centre Drive, 7200 South, Danish Road, Oak Creek Drive, 2325 East, Nantucket Drive, 3500 East, Nye Drive, 1700 East, Whitmore Way, Portsmouth Ave., and Big Cottonwood Canyon Road. This priority level is determined by the need for accessing schools, bus routes, and other essential public services.

PRIORITY 3 & 4 – These priorities cover all additional collector and local streets that complete street networks covering major traffic volume areas and selected trouble areas, such as intersections and roads on steep slopes, etc. (The list is too long to include here, but the entire plan can be accessed at

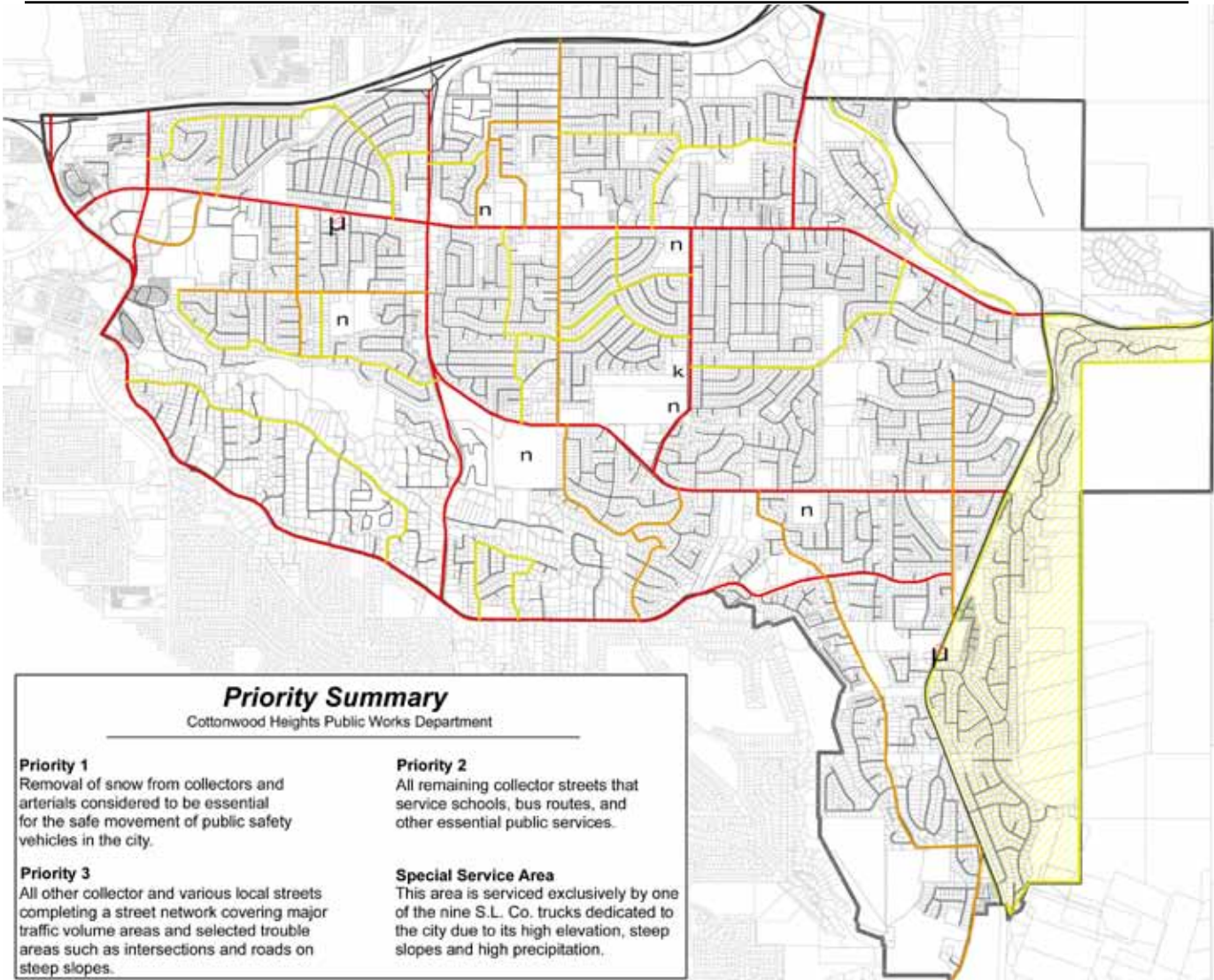
www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov, under Public Works).



RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Residents are required by ordinance to keep vehicles off public roads during storm events. Snow plows need complete access to streets in order to effectively remove snow. Residents are also asked not to push, dump, or blow snow into the street from sidewalks and driveways.

Additional information is available at the City website or by calling (801) 944-7000 and asking for the City's Community Development Director.



Snow Removal Priorities for Cottonwood Heights

Legend

Snow Removal Priorities

- 1
- 2
- 3
- Special Service Area

Layers

- k Police Substation
- p Fire Station
- n Schools
- Major Roads
- Parcels
- City Boundary

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Are You Sitting On An Aqueduct?

That is not a rhetorical question. Apparently, many of the residents of the east side of Cottonwood Heights do have a large aqueduct running beneath their property. And, it's likely there are some structures in the right-of-way for which they do not have a permit.

The offices and primary water treatment facility for Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy (Metro) is located in Cottonwood Heights in the large buildings at the south end of Danish Road [10 on map]. Metro was formed in 1935 with the objective of acquiring and developing a water supply for Salt Lake Valley. It is administered by a seven-member board with five board members from Salt Lake City and two from Sandy. It now supplies drinking water primarily to Salt Lake City and Sandy City. Those of us living in Cottonwood Heights receive our drinking water from Salt Lake City.

The water we drink comes originally from Deer Creek Reservoir in Wasatch County [1]. It is piped down Provo Canyon, then north, under the Point of the Mountain, or west to the Point of the Mountain Treatment Plant [13], and

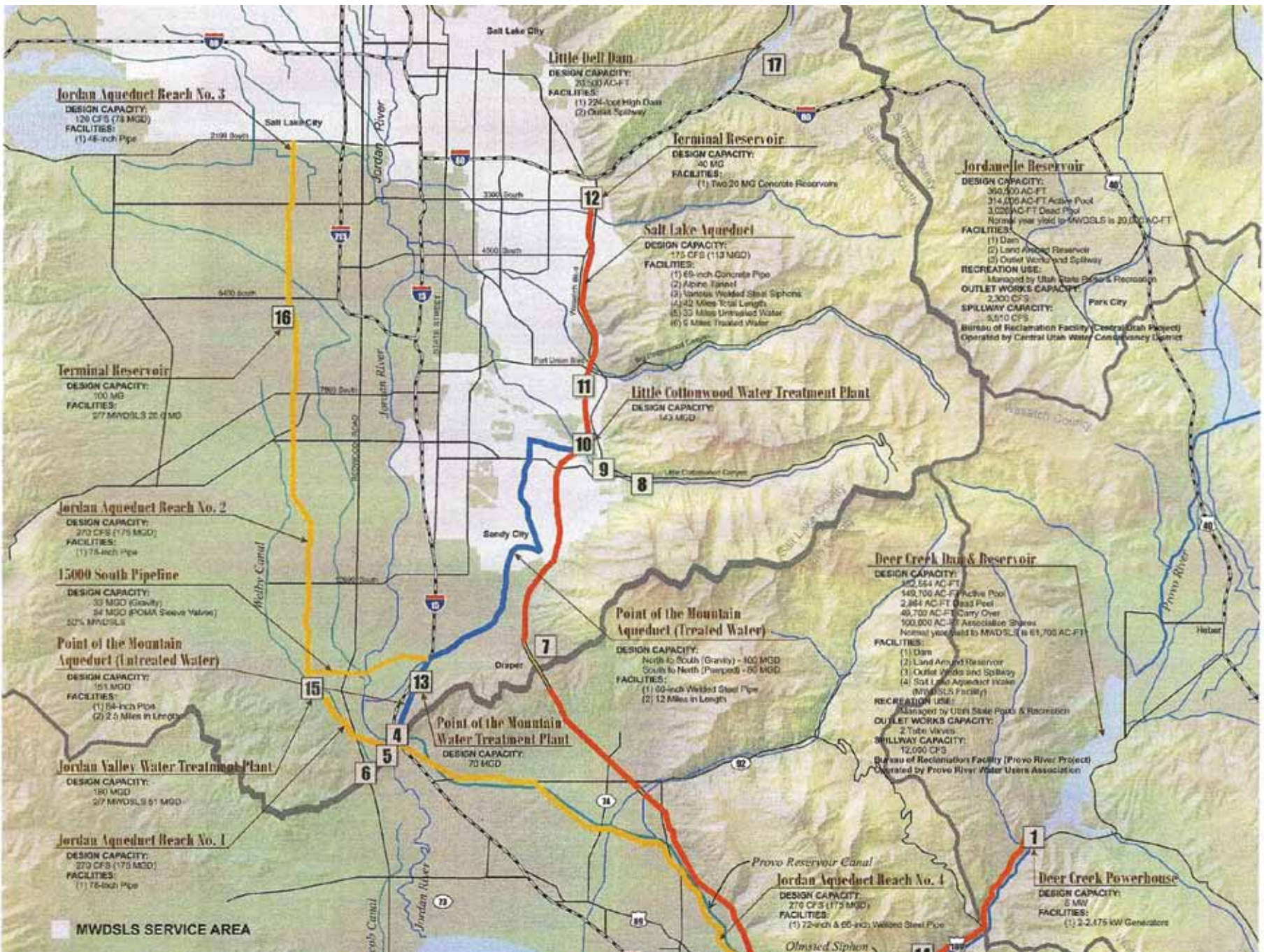
eventually to the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant in our City. It is treated and made potable in one of these plants. From the treatment plant in Cottonwood Heights it continues north to the enclosed reservoir east of the cemetery property at approximately 3250 East and 7500 South [11]. Some water then is piped almost straight north to the terminal reservoir at 3300 South [12].

All of this is significant to some residents of Cottonwood Heights because of the right-of-way that accompanies the aqueduct. "A right-of-way is a perpetual interest in real property for the purposes of operating, maintaining, replacing, and protecting the District's aqueducts and facilities. This interest in land includes property ownership and recorded easements" (A Guide for use of the Salt Lake Aqueduct and Point of the Mountain Aqueduct rights-of-way, Metropolitan Water District... brochure).

Salt Lake Aqueduct and Point of the Mountain Aqueduct rights-of-way are owned by Metro Water District. They range in size from 50 feet to 250 feet depending on the terrain and geology of the land. Metro has identified over 1000

encroachments (unauthorized uses) in the right-of-way within Cottonwood Heights. These encroachments require a written agreement between the homeowner and Metro for any vehicle access, excavation, earthwork, construction, surface improvements, etc. However, many of the encroachments are things such as trees, shrubs, and other non-structures, for which permission will be readily granted.

Metro representatives met with the City Council in their December 29th council meeting and explained the events that have led to their wanting to resolve the encroachment issues either by a written agreement with the homeowner or by requiring that encroachments be removed. They will be contacting those property owners having property within their right-of-way by mail with a brochure explaining the situation. Those wanting additional information prior to being contacted can visit www.mwdsls.org. An application to request use of Metro's right-of-way is also available at that site.





Need Concrete Finished? Call aFireman?

The following story didn't make the 10 o'clock news, but it's one of those stories we all like to hear. An "over-60" resident of Cottonwood Heights was recently in the middle of mixing, pouring, and smoothing concrete when his heart started acting up. His wife immediately called 911 and the UFA paramedics and firefighters responded "...so fast I assumed they were already in the neighborhood." Paramedics Stewart Wallace and Kurt Berge quickly stabilized the victim and transported him to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Captain Jay Torgersen and firefighters Eric Johnson, and Paul Story checked out the concrete work. They determined the job should be finished or there would be some strange shaped piles of concrete to contend with before the job could even be started again. Without asking questions, they set to work finishing the job while the victim was being transported and receiving emergency care. In order to do the job the way it was planned, they frequently called the

paramedics and had them ask the victim about where forms should be placed and other pertinent questions. The concrete job was finished in a timely manner and the victim received the proper care (a new pacemaker).

It should also be noted that the victim's wife, following these events, has taken the time to get the names of the UFA personnel and call the mayor to express her gratitude for their work, both for helping save her husband's life and for finishing the concrete job. Giving, receiving, and expressing appropriate gratitude are what this time of year is all about; and this type of story does us all good, at any time of year.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The January meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, January 5th**
5 p.m. *Swearing-in of mayor and new council members*
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 12th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 19th**
THERE WILL NOT BE A COUNCIL MEETING ON THIS DAY.
(*The council will attend a retreat to work on 2010-11 goals and budget.*)
- **Tuesday, January 26th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 2nd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting



Sub-for-Santa gifts on a 14ft table

BIGGER AND BETTER SUB-FOR-SANTA IS A SUCCESS

This year's Sub-for-Santa was under the direction of the Cottonwood Heights' Employee Association (CHEA), and it grew as requests for help and donations both escalated. According to Angela White, City Human Resources Generalist and Chairperson for the employee association, 13 families, with children ranging in ages from six months to 14 years, were provided with Christmas. Gifts included bikes, sleds, dolls, pajamas, board games, shoes/boots, and clothing. Each family also received a gift card for groceries.

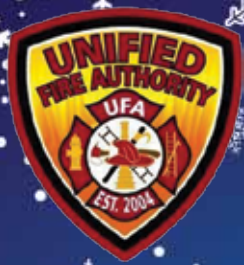
A number of local businesses and others associated with the City participated with CHEA in providing Christmas to the 13 selected families. Café Rio, Market Street, Associated Foods/Fresh Market, Target, Overstock.com, Hog Wallow, Le Petite Academy, Karing for Utah Kids, Red Rock Title, and Greg Perkins, DDS, all assisted at various contribution and participation levels.

All collected donations were distributed to the 13 families, with a few extra gifts given to the Children's Justice Center. A final accounting of the donations received and spent is not yet available. CHEA is grateful to all who participated in this worthy cause. Those who delivered the items to the families stated, "**Many thanks and hugs were given and tears shed as the Christmas gifts were delivered.**"

Leave That Live / Dead Christmas Tree On The Curb For Disposal

Again this year, Christmas 2009, Salt Lake County Waste Management will retrieve your Christmas tree from the curb in front of your home. Their instructions are to place the remains of your tree (no decorations, no lights) on the curb on the day of your regular garbage pick-up and a county truck will come by sometime during the day and remove the tree for you. The pick-up truck will not be the regular garbage truck. It will be a different truck covering the same route, and will be before or after the normal pick up. If your regular garbage is gone and the tree is still there, please do not call the county; a tree pick-up truck will be by sometime during the day. After the pick up days in January are gone, you are on your own.





January Safety Message



Assist Chief Mike Watson

Fires occurring nationally during the holiday season each year claim the lives of more than 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. The primary causes of holiday home fires can be eliminated by taking some simple precautions.

Properly dispose of your Christmas tree- One should never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of a tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Avoid using lighted candles- If using a lighted candle is essential, be sure they are in stable holders and place them away from flammable materials and where they cannot be easily tipped over. Never leave candles burning when a responsible adult is not at home.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help, and remember to create and practice a home escape plan.

LOST A BICYCLE? READ THIS MEMO FROM CHIEF RUSSO!

Dear Citizens:

One of the more enjoyable aspects of law enforcement is finding an item that has been taken from someone and returning it to the rightful owner. That's the case with bicycles, many of which have been stolen; although some have just been misplaced.



Since we started as a police department, we have collected numerous bicycles. Most don't have known owners. They were discovered on the side of the road or on other public property. We (CHPD) want to return these bicycles to their legal owners. If you're missing a bike and can describe it with some certainty, we will have you sign an affidavit and will release it to you.

Please contact CHPD at (801) 944-7100 or visit the city web site to view the bicycle photos. Unclaimed bicycles will be donated to charity sometime in late January.



THANKSGIVING DAY 5K 2009

Top Photo: Sixteen hundred and twenty registered runners show up on Thanksgiving morning to join Mayor Cullimore in the annual 5K run/walk

Middle Photo: Mayor Cullimore (in blue) and UFA Assistant Chief Mike Watson lead the 5K at the starting line. All 968 who finished ahead of the Mayor received ribbons.

Bottom Photo: Councilman Gordon Thomas, who finished first in his age group, 6 minutes ahead of the mayor, poses with daughter Karen #28 and grandchildren, Rebekah #29 and Hyrum #27, following the race.



Timeline for Proposed Canyon Resort Residential Zone

On November 24, 2009, following a discussion of citizen interest in the proposed Canyon Resort Residential (CRR) ordinance, the Council unanimously agreed to postpone any decisions or public discussion of the ordinance pending the formation of an ad hoc advisory committee of Cottonwood Heights' citizens. The committee is to consist of interested citizens from every district in the City and provide input on the proposed ordinance.

Because of the holidays, the committee has not been able to meet to discuss the CRR ordinance; so, the timeline for public input and hearings must again be altered to allow ample time for the committee to perform its task.

It has been rumored that part of the January 12, 2010, City Council meeting would be for public comment regarding the CRR ordinance and that a decision

on the ordinance would be made at that meeting. This is not the case. At the January 12 meeting the City Council will discuss a new timeline for receiving public comment on the proposed CRR zone. Following that meeting and after receiving the committee's input, a new public comment date will be set/published.


In an effort to keep citizens current on new information regarding the CRR ordinance, every attempt will be made to notify the public through email, newspaper publication, and website posting of any newly scheduled meetings. Anyone wanting a personal notice of public hearing(s) about the CRR ordinance please send an email to michael@chcity.org with the subject line of: "CRR Public Hearing Notification." The City will limit the use of the email addresses provided to sending notices on the CRR ordinance or other CRR related updates.


Time-line Summary:

- On November 24, 2009 the City Council postponed any official public comment on the proposed CRR ordinance in order to form a citizen advisory committee for input.
- The advisory committee is being formed and will begin its work in January 2010.
- Scheduled public comment on the CRR ordinance at the January 12, 2010, council meeting, or subsequent meetings, has been postponed until the committee provides input on the proposed ordinance.
- Email notification of CRR meetings can be requested by emailing michael@chcity.org with the subject line of: "CRR Public Hearing Notification."

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